

Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting Sept. 8. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

At the Sept. 1 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution to advertise for bids for treated rock salt - 2011 for the Lake County Engineer's Road Department with a bid opening date of Sept. 21.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for wood chips for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of Sept. 28.
- Resolution authorizing advertising for bids for sawdust for the Lake County Department of Utilities with a bid opening date of Sept. 28.
- Resolution authorizing execution of a contract with Aqua Serv for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

The contract provides for updating the manuals on operation and maintenance at a cost of \$18,000.

- Resolution establishing an appropriation line item to be known as Hardy Road Waterline Replacement 323W other expenses, increasing appropriation and transferring cash.
- Resolution increasing

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appropriations for Kirtland City Sewers 284s professional services-consultants.

- Resolution accepting the resignation of Michael Holly from his position of part-time inspector, Lake County Department of Utilities, effective Sept. 2.

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County auditor.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution awarding a bid contract in the amount of \$153,200 to Kendel Welding And Fabrication Inc. for the Administration Building Boiler Replacement Project for the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department.

Five bids were received which ranged from \$153,000 to \$196,500. The engineer's estimate was \$155,000.

- Resolution authorizing amendment No. 1 to an engineering agreement with Michael Benza and Associates, Inc. for the Center Park Estates Drainage Study in Painesville Township.

The area in the study was Fairgrounds Road on the east, Mentor Avenue to the north, Cambridge Drive to the west and a ridge (high point) to the south. Benza stated the study, in order to be complete, needed to include more area to the west at a cost of 7,500.

- Resolution accepting the retirement resignation of Dale Porter from the position of part-time prevailing wage coordinator and housing rehabilitation inspector in the Lake County Commissioners' Office, effective Aug. 31.

- Resolution accepting the resignation of Christine Flood from the position of part-time deputy dog warden for the Lake County Dog Shelter effective Aug. 31.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution increasing and decreasing appropriations for various general and non general fund accounts.
- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and

non general fund accounts.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

"There's been recent press announcements, that there are proposals that anyone receiving benefits (from Job and Family Services) should be drug tested," said Commissioner Dan Troy. "I guess the question I would have is, 'Is this a solution in search of a problem?'"

LCJFS Director Matt Battiato said he did not feel there were significant numbers of people receiving benefits who should be drug tested, or how such a problem would be funded.

Troy noted such a law would state everyone was guilty until proven innocent.

"From what I read, the person would have to pay for the drug test themselves, and then, if they were found clean, would be reimbursed through public assistance funds," Battiato said. "So again, it could be an increase in public assistance funding and the persons applying for public assistance don't necessarily have the money to pay for a drug screen upfront."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Nettis, Concord Township administrator, said the township had to return \$700,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission funds received last year to the state because expected federal funding to also be used for the connector road project did not come through.

The township is now hoping to get on the list for NOACA funds in 2014 and 2015 to complete the project.

Effort was made to keep the funds in the county, but they are to be given to those communities that did not receive funding at the time the funds were awarded to Concord.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.